points raised by them include, inter-alia, foreigners issue in Assam repeal of Illegal Migrants (Determination by Tribunals) Act; 1983; withdrawal of Army; issues relating to economic development of Assam etc.

Government has taken various steps to resolve the problem of foreigners in Assam. These include, inter-alia, strengthening of the BSF, fencing of Indo-Bangladesh borders, sanction of posts under PIF scheme, intensive revision of electoral rolls with 01-1-1997 as the qualifying date etc. The proposal for repeal of IMDT Act is under examination. For economic development of North Eastern States including Assam, Prime Minister has announced new initiatives in his statement at Guwahati on 27-10-1996.

Demanding for Self Determination for Manipur

2799. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Governmnet are aware of the recent protest rally by the people of Manipur organised by the All Manipur Students Union against the State's 1949 merger with India demanding self-determination; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government with regard thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Government view with concern the attempts by misguided elements to reopen the question of merger of Manipur with the Indian Union, which is a settled matter.

Cellular Phone Operators Demand for Reduction of Licence Fees

2800. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Cellular Phone operators have sought reduction in their licence fees;

(b) if so, the details of such efforts to increase their profiteering;

(c) whether Government will ensure compliance to the original licence terms and conditions;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether it is a fact that the public will suffer from such activity of cellular phone operators; and

(f) the steps proposed to protect the public interest?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VERMA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) to (f) Does not arise in view of (c)

Telephone Directories in Delhi

2801. SHRI PARAG CHALIHA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to refer to the reply to Unstarred Qeustion 2024 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 11th December, 1996 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that telephone directories are not being issued, in time in a number of cities;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken/being taken by Government to ensure that the telephone directories are issued in time and corrigenda are issued in the meantime?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VERMA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(c) Whenever any abnormal delay in printing of Directories is observed, necessary steps are taken to get these printed either under Yellow Pages Scheme by calling fresh tenders or at Department cost.